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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. IO DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT.

EB - JULIUS L. KATZ, ACTING

- 1. I CONDUCTED BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS ON YOUR IEA AND OECD SPEECHES HERE YESTERDAY AND TODAY RESPECTIVELY. THE BRIEFINGS WERE WELL ATTENDED AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE COMMODITY ISSUE AS WELL AS THE ENERGY QUESTION. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. COMMODITY TRADE. THEIR QUESTIONS REFLECTED SOME CONCERN ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT BE DOING IN THE COMMODITY FIELD, BUT NO OPPOSITION TO THE APPROACH YOU OUTLINED, PARTICULARLY OUR WILLINGNESS TO LOOK AT COMMODITY PROBLEMS IN DETAIL.
- 2. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT SENATORS DOLE AND BELLMON ARE CIRCULATING A LETTER IN THE SENATE WHICH WILL SEEK A SECRET

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MEETING WITH YOU TO DISCUSS YOUR COMMODITY PROPOSALS AND THE GRAIN RESERVESPROPOSAL. APPARENTLY, THE INTENTION IS THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE INFORMAL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS APPROACH IS BEING PROMOTED BY USDA AND SOME AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS AS A WAY OF HEADING OFF THE GRAIN

RESERVES PROPOSAL. TOM ENDERS, HOWEVER, HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS IN TALKING WITH SENATOR BELLMON ONE-ON-ONE AND IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH INTERESTED SENATORS TO PUT OUR VIEWS TO THEM DIRECTLY. WE WILL TRY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE LETTER TOMORROW.

H - RJMCCLOSKEY

SENATORIAL LETTER. THE WASHINGTON POST WILL CRITICIZE THE LETTER IN AN EDITORIAL, PROBABLY SUNDAY. I TOLD PHIL GEYELIN AT LUNCH TODAY THAT SUCH AN EGREGIOUS EFFORT UNDERCUTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY AND RISKS LOSING THE CONFIDENCE OF THE ARABS. HE AGREED IT "TURNS BACK THE CLOCK" AND WILL DEAL WITH IT IN AN EDITORIAL.

CYPRUS. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU TOLD ME TODAY IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT IF HIS PEOPLE COULD BE GIVEN SOME CLEARER DEFINITION OF WHAT THE TURKS WOULD ULTIMATELY SETTLE FOR IN A BIZONAL ARRANGEMENT. HE SOUNDED CONFIDENT THAT MAKARIOS WILL NOT FIGHT THE PRINCIPLE AND HAS AUTHOR-IZED CLERIDES DISCUSSING IT AS A POSSIBILITY. IF THE TALKS COULD BEGIN AT, "SAY, A 30 FOR TURKEY" BASIS, PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF ALL THE ISSUES COULD BE MADE RAPIDLY, HE SAID. THIS MAY BE FAMILIAR TO YOU. SEPARATELY, WHEN HE NOTED THAT THE ARCHBISHIP MADE SOME SALUTARY REMARKS ABOUT YOU DURING A VISIT TO THE ARAB EMIRATES, I REMON-STRATED WITH HIM FOR HIS BEATITUDE'S UNNECESSARY COMMENTS FOLLOWING SENATE ACTION LAST WEEK ON THE SCOTT-MANSFIELD BILL. DIMITRIOU ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT IF ANY ACTION WE CONTEMPLATED IN THE HOUSE. I TOLD HIM THIS REQUIRED TALK-ING OVER WITH YOU AFTER YOU RETURN. WE ARE DOING A PAPER FOR YOU.

SCHEEL VISIT. AMBASSADOR VONSTADEN CAME IN LATE YESTERDAY TO ASK ABOUT THE JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS POSSIBILITY. I SECRET

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EXPLAINED THAT I WAS AWAITING FURTHER WORD FROM THE SPEAKER HAVING SENT HIM DATES FOR THE VISIT AND WHO WAS RESPONSIVE WHEN I TALKED WITH HIM. ALBERT AND MANSFIELD, I UNDERSTAND, ARE TO MEET MONDAY TO AGREE ON A DATE. I TOLD VON STADEN I WOULD INFORM HIM FURTHER NEXT WEEK.

INTERVIEW. I WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE BOSTON GLOBE FOR A PIECE ON THE ROLE OF PRESS SPOKESMEN.

PM - GEORGE S. VEST - MAY 28, L975

FRANCE AND MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR MEETING--IN MEETING TODAY WITH FRENCH DCM DE LA GORCE, I AGREED TO HIS PROPOSAL THAT US AND FRENCH EXPERTS DISCUSS ON JUNE 6

IN WASHINGTON BILATERAL ISSUES (COCOM AND LICENSING) WHICH PARIS HAD FLAGGED WHEN JOINING MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR TALKS. THE FRENCH AS YET HAD NO COMMENTS ON OUR DISCUSSION PAPER PREPARED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TALKS IN LONDON JUNE 18. DE LA GORCE NOTED THAT PROGRESS IN THE BILATERAL AREAS OF CONCERN HAD A RELATIONSHIP TO MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS. WHEN I QUESTIONED THE EXTENT OF RELATIVITY, HE EXPLAINED THAT WHAT MIGHT BE FOREGONE BILATERALLY COULD BE SUBSUMED MULTILATERALLY, BUT ONE WAS NOT A QUID PRO QUO FOR THE OTHER.

REDEYE MISSILES IN THE MID-EAST.--IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER UK EMBASSY INQUIRY, I BRIEFED THE EMBASSY COUNSELOR ON OUR POSITION REGARDING SALES OF REDEYE/BLOWPIPE IN THE MID-EAST. I STRESSED THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT PROLIFERATION OF THESE WEAPONS, NOTED THE SPECIAL BASIS FOR OUR SALES TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN (AND GREECE), AND SAID WE WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER OBJECTIONS IF THE BRITISH WERE TO SELL THEIR EQUIVALENT WEAPON (BLOWPIPE) TO SAUDI ARABIA OR IRAN, PROVIDED THE UK OBTAINED FIRM ASSURANCES REGARDING THE CONTROL OF ANY WEAPONS SOLD. OTHERWISE WE URGED THAT THEY REFRAIN, AS WE INTEND TO, FROM SALES TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MIDEAST.

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SISCO/CNO TALKS--WE ORGANIZED TODAY A SESSION WHERE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (ADMIRAL JAMES HOLLOWAY) BRIEFED UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL MEMBERS (ASSISTANT AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL) ON THE US NAVY'S VIEWS OF STRATEGY, AND PLANS, AND GLOBAL PROBLEMS. IT WAS A FRANK AND USEFUL EXCHANGE.

EUR - JOHN A. ARMITAGE, ACTING:

YUGOSALV-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS: AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HALUSA CAME IN TO SEE VINE TODAY AND GAVE HIM A COPY OF A STATEMENT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH YUGOSLAV PROTESTS ABOUT TREATMENT OF SLOVENIAN MINORITIES IN CARINTHIA. THE STATEMENT SYSTEMATICALLY REJECTED THE YUGOSLAV POINTS. HALUSA CONSIDERS THE YUGOSLAVS WERE MOTIVATED MORE BY INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS THAN OBJECTIVE FACTORS AND FEELS THF MATTER WILL NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

EA - ZURHELLEN

PHILIPPINE SECURITY. GENERAL RAMOS, CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY FORCE, CALLED ON BILL GLEYSTEEN. RAMOS WAS SKITTISH ABOUT DISCUSSING THE NATURE AND TIMING

OF ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN OUR BASE ARRANGEMENTS, BUT HE CLEARLY ASSUMED THAT US-PHILIPPINE SECURITY RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE ALONG WITH SUBSTANTIAL U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE WAS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THE PHILIPPINES COULD COPE WITH THE DUAL THREAT OF THE COMMUNIST AND MUSLIM INSURGENCIES, THOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD BE A VERY DRAWN OUT PROCESS.

ARA:HARYAN, ACTING

PERU/BRANIFF DISPUTE: THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR CAME IN TO PERSONALLY DELIVER ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THE BRANIFF CASE. HE REITERATED HIS AND DE LA FLOR'S DEEP CONCERN WITH THE NEED FOR A PROMPT RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR AMBASSADOR IN SECRET

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LIMA TO TRY TO ARRANGE FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS TO BE HELD HERE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.

L - MONROE LEIGH

- -- MET WITH MESSRS. INGERSOLL, MAW, AMBASSADOR STEVEN-SON AND OTHERS TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS IN LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS.
- -- PREPARED A REPLY TO A PROPOSAL FROM CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY THAT THE U.S. INVITE CAMBODIA TO JOIN IN SUBMITTING LEGAL ISSUES OF THE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, WHICH STATES THAT WE ARE DISINCLINED TO FOLLOW THIS COURSE BECAUSE THERE IS NO CONTINUING DISPUTE WHICH THE COURT COULD RESOLVE, AND BECAUSE CAMBODIAN REJECTION OF SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY INFORMED OBSERVERS. SINCE THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ALSO RECEIVED THIS PROPOSAL, I AM CONCERTING MY REPLY WITH MR. BUCHEN.
- -- TOOK UNDER CONSIDERATION A REQUEST OF BRAZIL FOR A SUGGESTION OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IN A SUIT INVOLVING ALLEGED DAMAGE TO IMPROVEMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY ADJOINING THE BRAZILIAN CHANCERY BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S CONSTRUCTION. SINCE PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARE NOW SOUGHT, BRAZIL REQUESTS REOPENING OF AN EARLIER DECISION NOT TO SUGGEST SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.
- -- SENT LEGAL MEMORANDUM ON FRELOC CASE TO GAO FOR CONCURRENCE. THE DEPT PROPOSES TO SHARE PROCEEDS OF SETTLEMENT DIRECTLY WITH NATO WITHOUT SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.
- -- AGREED TO TESTIFY BEFORE NIX SUBCOMMITTEE OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JUNE 5 ON THE SUBJECT

OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS BY U.S. COMPANIES ABROAD.

NEA - ATHERTON

1. CARL ROWAN MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER FOR A BACKGROUND BRIEFING PRIOR TO ROWAN'S TRAVEL, SECRET

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BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND, TO ISRAEL, IRAN, KUWAIT, SYRIA, AND EGYPT. ROWAN EXPECTS TO SEE TOP GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO HIS INTEREST IN GENERAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS, HE WILL ALSO BE RESEARCHING AN ARTICLE ON PETRODOLLARS REQUESTED BY READER'S DIGEST.

AF - NATHANIEL DAVIS

PRESIDENT SENGHOR - I SAW PRESIDENT SENGHOR OFF TO PARIS FROM NEW YORK AT THE END OF HIS SEVEN-DAY VISIT TO THE U.S. HE SEEMED VERY PLEASED WITH THE VISIT.

BELGIUM MINISTER CAHEN - BELGIUM EMBASSY MINISTER CAHEN CALLED ON ME TO INQUIRE ABOUT MY WEST AFRICAN TRIP, MY MAY 5 MEETING WITH RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, AND THE SENGHOR VISIT.

AMBASSADOR BLACK - AMBASSADOR SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, BACK FROM ACCRA ON PERSONAL BUSINESS, STOPPED BY TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL QUESTIONS AT HER EMBASSY.

MEETING ON AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS - ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL, CAROL LAISE, AND I MET TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMBASSADORIAL NOMINEES IN THE AF AREA.

AMERICANS KIDNAPPED IN TANZANIA - MEETINGS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO DETERMINE THE NEXT STEPS WE SHOULD TAKE IN WORKING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE THREE AMERICAN STUDENTS HELD BY THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN EASTERN ZAIRE. INGERSOLL

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